

Antagonism

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Noun

Meaning	Active hostility or opposition
Example	There was clear antagonism between the two rivals.
Sentence	His antagonism toward authority was evident.
Mnemonic	Antagonism = Against energy
Synonyms	Hostility, Opposition
Antonyms	Friendship, Cooperation

Antagonize

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Verb

Meaning	To provoke someone to hostility
Example	He antagonized his teammates with his arrogance.
Sentence	Don't antagonize the boss if you want a promotion.
Mnemonic	Antagonize = Tagging anger
Synonyms	Provoke, Offend
Antonyms	Soothe, Appease

Antecedent

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Noun

Meaning	Something that existed before or precedes another
Example	A bad antecedent can hurt your job application.
Sentence	The storm was an antecedent to the flood.
Mnemonic	Antecedent = Before-seed
Synonyms	Predecessor, Forerunner
Antonyms	Result, Consequence

Antecedents

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Noun

Meaning	Ancestors or prior events
Example	He was proud of his noble antecedents.
Sentence	Knowing your antecedents can help trace medical history.
Mnemonic	Antecedents = Ancestor evidence
Synonyms	Ancestors, Origins
Antonyms	Descendants

Antediluvian

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Adjective

Meaning Extremely old-fashioned; before the biblical flood

Example His ideas seemed almost antediluvian.

Sentence She collects antediluvian farming tools.

Mnemonic Antediluvian = Anti-dilute-old (pre-flood)

Synonyms Ancient, Outdated

Antonyms Modern, Contemporary